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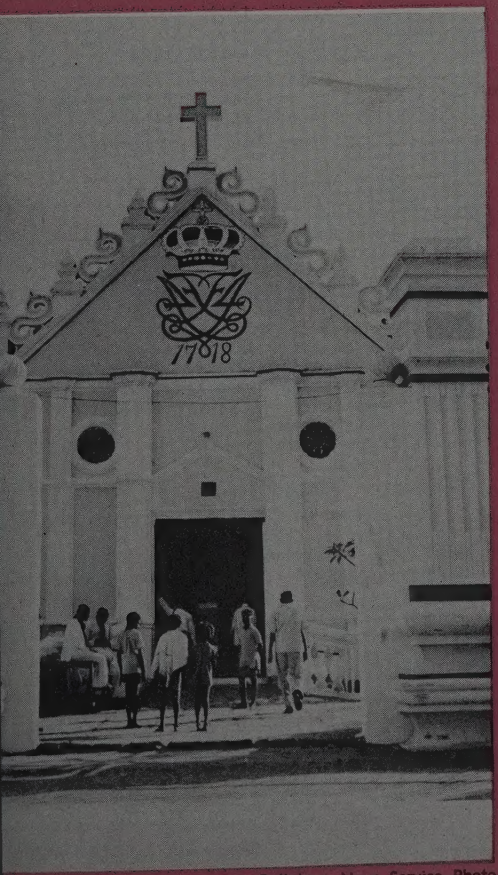

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By the Stewardship-Extension Committee

T. BODIE, CHAIRMAN

WITH THE Brotherhood being subdized over a five-year period by e United Lutheran Church in merica, and with the blessings of ie head of the church, the men's ixiliary has that continuing opporinity to render the service expected f the men of the church.

* If all the men enlist in the work of the church, all the work will be done.

We present to you President G. ewey Arndt of the Brotherhood of ie United Evangelical Lutheran Syn-d of North Carolina, whose Brotherood has the highest percentage of s men active in the Brotherhood nd herewith his contest plan for inreasing the membership. We shall ring reports from other synods as ney come to us.

The laymen are the greatest missionaries in the world.

The church which is not using its men has an untapped Niagara Falls within its grasp.

Christianity began as a laymen's movement.

And like Christ we must have implicit faith in men, no matter how humble their circumstances may be.

Where can the average church look but to its manpower?

The Membership Contest Calendar Year 1956

The Executive Committee of the Brotherhood of North Carolina approved a membership contest to be worked out on a point system with appropriate awards to the district presidents and to the Brotherhood in each district showing the greatest percentage of increase in membership based on dues remitted to the state treasurer.

G. Dewey Arndt

The points awarded will be based on the following:

1. For each per cent increase in paid membership over members reported in the minutes of the annual

* The short quotations in this article are tatements made by pastors about men's rganizations.

meeting on November 8, 1955, one point will be earned.

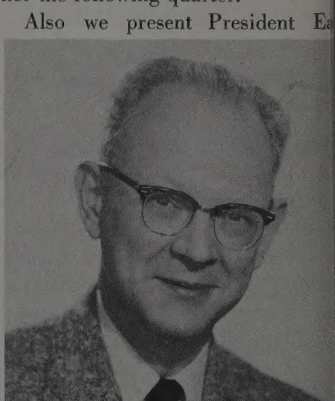
2. One point will be earned for each per cent of potential members in each congregation based on a formula worked out by ULCA, this formula being "to find male membership of a congregation, multiply the communing membership of that congregation by one-third."

3. New Brotherhoods will be credited with two points for each per cent of potential members in the congregation based on the formula as shown under 2 above.

These awards will be made at the end of each quarter, to be rotated between the presidents of the six districts and between the Brotherhoods in the districts securing or showing the greatest number of points in each quarter. The name of the winner in each quarter will be shown on the award, the annual presentation to be made at the next annual state convention. This will mean, however, that the last quarter will have only the month of October in which to determine the state winner so that the awards can be made at the convention to be held early in November.

The treasurer will report to the president's office at the end of March, June, September and October the membership dues that have been received within the quarter from each Brotherhood, and from this report point credits will be computed and proper announcements made of the awards. Those Brotherhoods and presidents that were winners in the previous quarter will send to the state president's office their certi cates in order that there might printed thereon the name of the w ner the following quarter.

Also we present President Ea



Heinrich-Tamara Stud

Earl Freese

Freese of the United Lutheran Syn of New York and New England, w gives us a report of his "year-e dues round-up" and his plan alrea in operation to increase the memb ship of his synod.

"Under date of December 6 a l ter is going to all conference pre dents . . . in fact to all members our Executive Committee, urging newed effort in the establishment more local Brotherhoods . . . a asking for a year-end dues round- that will bring in any straggling c lections that are due us.

"Our synod is a large one, son times a bit unwieldy, but we are g

g better and better working teams each conference, which is the first p toward more widespread organi- ion.

'We have also appointed a special tension Committee' under Brother orge Haag of Snyder, N.Y. Brother ag has already traveled many hun- ds of miles throughout the synod set up conference Extension Com- ttees and guide their efforts toward ning up more Brotherhoods.

"From this, we hope to see tangi- efforts in the near future."

It often happens that a man has his first opportunity to demonstrate the leadership ability that has been latent in him all the time.

Nearly all of the suggestions of the national office are given a chance and the men feel that they are a part of something that is real and vital.

If you do not have a copy of your synodical Brotherhood quotas for the five year period, please write Brotherhood Headquarters for a copy of the 1954 convention minutes and look on page 79.

If I can help you further, please let me know. If you have another plan which is working, please let us hear about it.

We are looking for every Brotherhood to make an all-out drive for members this year.

Sin Remains

f anybody says that a Christian is a man from whose life the possibility of sin has been dicated I cannot agree with him, nor do I believe that such a doctrine is to be found where in God's Word. No, the possibiity of sin is with us; we live in the body of sin, d we will be with it until we die. But also within us is a mightier power: the Spirit of rist Himself, overcoming the power of the flesh. Therefore God asks me His child, and ch one of us, to step into the audience chamber of the King of kings and yield to the fe for the pruning. "Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it," says the Lord Jesus, iat it may bring forth more fruit" (John 15:2).

Alan Redpath, in **Victorious Christian Living,** (Fleming H. Revell Co.).

Still in the Making

One story stubbornly keeps place in my memory. It is of a minister who on meeting a le boy one day asked, "Sonny boy, who made you?"

"Well, to tell you the truth," the little boy replied, "I ain't done yet."

That sharp answer contains a very wise bit of philosophy. The lad realized that he was ll on the make. He was growing up. The longer he lived, the more opportunity life would ve him. So it should be for every one of us—no matter what be the days of our years. e can be ever so much more wonderful if we sincerely believe in God, who doeth all ngs well. He gives grace and glory on an ever-increasing scale as we open to Him our es and our souls and our minds.

Reuben K. Youngdahl in
The Secret of Greatness
(Fleming H. Revell Co.).

Cover Picture

The New Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Tranquebar, India, was the site of observances arking the 250th anniversary of the first Protestant mission in India. It was built by Bar- olomew Ziegenbalg, a German who started the Tranquebar mission in 1706 on the initiative King Frederick IV of Denmark. The church is believed to be the oldest Protestant edifice Asia.

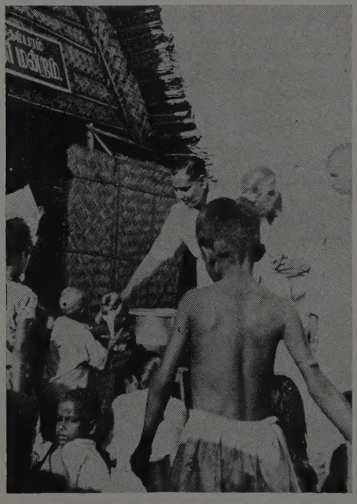
Participants in the anniversary observances were shown a new India-produced film telling e story of Ziegenbalg. Present at the celebrations were a number of leading Protestant urchmen from the United States, including Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, Dr. Henry F. Schuh, Dr. edrik A. Schiotz, Dr. Oscar A. Benson, Dr. Paul C. Empie and Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist.

Along the Jericho Road

The Jericho Road of old, a dangerous thoroughfare which few traversed alone, was the scene of the Good Samaritan's ministrations to the man who fell among thieves.

Today there are many different kinds of Jericho Roads. Some merely trace the aimless wanderings of weary refugees. Others are roads of flight—from flood, famine, disease and oppression.

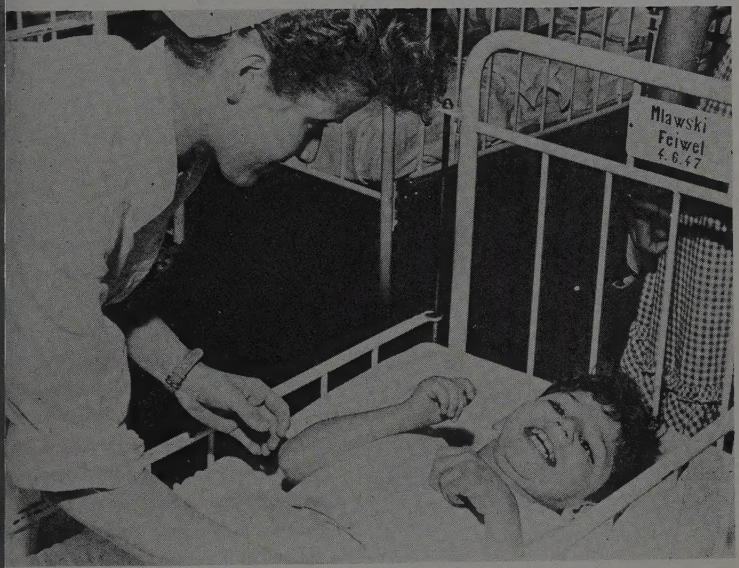
The very young and the very old travel these roads. They have one thing in common. They need your help.



"And ye fed me . . ." Mothers and childr like these, in refugee camps in the distre areas of Europe, Asia and the Near East a fed and cared for by our gifts given Christian compassion.

"And ye gave me to drink . . ." A cup milk a day saves these children in India fro possible starvation or fatal disease in a la where millions of people have never know what it was to have enough to eat.

our Gifts Bring Life



"And ye ministered unto me . . ." In a German hospital, an 8-yea-old boy is given medical care and the love and attention so important to his recovery.

This Korean lad—symbol of hundreds of thousands orphaned by war and disaster—finds comfort for the present and hope for the future in the vital assistance sent him by his unseen friends in American churches.

Take Care of Your Money

by LESLIE E. COOKE

MONEY IS something to be taken care of, and in any case none of us likes losing it. But you do not have to hoard money, lock it up, or hide it away, to take care of it.

In fact, one of the best ways of taking care of money is to give it away.

Money can go where we cannot go ourselves; it can do that which we have no time or ability or opportunity to do. It can show people in despair that somebody cares for them; it can cross continents and pass through iron curtains and bamboo curtains, and travel over frontiers of race, religion and nationality.

Christian people all over the world take care of their money like that every year—many million dollars worth of it in goods and aid.

Here are some of the things that Christians, especially Christians in America, have been doing with their money.

They have sent thousands of tons of food all over the world to help feed the hungry. They have sent thousands of packages of medicaments to heal the sick. They have provided thousands of refugees with homes and jobs. They have hel hundreds of students to train in u versities and seminaries of lands ot than their own.

Refugees

Thousands of refugees in r homes! But what about those w cannot migrate because they are ill, or too old? What happens them? Some still languish in can Some have found accommodati and jobs of a kind, but they are strangers in strange lands.

The more fortunate have fou rest and security in homes churches have provided.

Here is the story of one cou from Austria. The man's name Andrea and his wife's Ludmilla

Andrea left Russia in 1920 found sanctuary in Yugoslavia. became the manager of a knitt factory and was doing well. He m ried Ludmilla in 1928. In 1941, h ever, danger came again from c munism. He fought and then he to flee from his second homelan this time to Austria. In 1945 he picked up and taken back to Rus His wife had one postcard to that he was alive, and that was

In June 1955 he found his back to Austria, crippled and bro in health. There was a reunion, Andrea and Ludmilla are now

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Dr. Cooke is an associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches and Director of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees.

ars old and they hold certificates
m the Austrian government saying
t they are unfit to work. Their
ly hope is to be received into an
l people's home, and that will cost
,000.

So until that money is available
y are being taken care of by the
orld Council of Churches' Service
Refugees. I wonder whether
drea and Ludmilla will find a
ace to spend their last years in
fety and peace? The answer de-
nds on whether there are enough
ople willing to take care of their
oney by taking care of people.

Timely Gifts

But it is not just the gift that mat-
rs; it is the timeliness of the gift.
metimes the immediacy of the help
eans as much as the help itself.

A villager in Pakistan who had ex-
rienced the disastrous floods there
st Fall wrote recently: "All I
ticed was a trickle of water down
e village street, and in a short while
e were more than waist deep in
ater."

A trickle of water in Pakistan and
dia became mighty torrents engulf-
g thousands of square miles, sweep-
g villages and cattle before them.
housands of people have perished;
ecause those who died of hunger
uld not be cremated, their bodies
ere thrown into the water.

Millions of people were homeless.
here was a call for blankets and
od and medicaments. All the gov-
rnment welfare agencies and volun-
ary agencies were mobilized. The
hurches too were ready.

To Donald Rugh, Church World Service representative in Delhi, and to Pastor Stuntz in Lahore, cables went in reply. The American churches, through CWS, and other churches through their welfare agencies, began to help at once. Here was a flood of a different kind. Not mighty enough, of course, to meet all of the great need, but something to show that there were people who took care of their money by taking care of people.

In Istanbul last September 6 a night of terror reigned. A planned and cruel attack was made on the Greek community. Churches were destroyed and desecrated, and cemeteries profaned. Homes and shops were entered and smashed; goods were shattered and looted. There are 1,000 families in Istanbul today who have lost everything and need food, clothing, bedding, and kitchen utensils.

The World Council of Churches has a refugee office in Istanbul, and through it immediate help was given to those in need. Food and clothing destined for Greece were diverted to Istanbul. In response to an immediate appeal, the churches gave $16,500. Church World Service sent $8,000 immediately. That first shipment of supplies and money are almost exhausted, but still there is need. But it meant much that aid could be sent immediately.

Future Certainties

No one knows what will happen tomorrow. But this is certain: somewhere, because of natural disaster, because of man's inhumanity to man,

there will be people in need.

This too is certain, that there will be Christian people in the world standing ready to help. Whether that help is sufficient depends on the kind of response made to the Christmas Appeal in Britain, the Christmas Bowl in New Zealand, One Great Hour of Sharing in the United States, the annual appeal through the Canadian churches, and so on around the world.

It depends on how many Christian people will take care of their money by taking care of people.

Churches, however, are not divided into giving and receiving churches. For the receiving churches give, too. The churches in Germany recently resolved to maintain the Orthodox churches in exile in their midst and to reach out in services to the churches and the people in Asia, and especially to the needs of refugees in Hong Kong.

When Donald Rugh was returning from Europe last summer, he visited the camps of Arab refugees in Palestine. On his arrival in India he told some of the people he and his colleagues had been helping, about the plight of the Arab refugees. These Indians were poor and there was little they could share with the Arabs, but perhaps they could send some tea. They did, and shortly one hundred pounds of tea arrived for the refugees in Palestine from the people of India.

The other day John Metzler, who deals with Church World Service surplus commodities and contributed goods and is also on the staff of World Council of Churches, went Greece where there is an extens program of distribution.

He went to Thessaloniki. A sh ment that had arrived there was enough to meet all the needs, so hundred of the most needy famil were selected to receive help.

The women's group making up parcels and looking after their d tribution found that when they h made up a hundred they had suppl enough left over to make one mo

So, instead of 100 parcels they s 101.

Later a neighbor of the hundr and first family brought news t the parcel had saved a family of fi The father, unsuccessfully seeki work and in despair, had made suicide pact with his wife to do aw with their three children and t to take their own lives.

The hundred and first parcel h come just in time to prevent tragedy.

Whose dollars and dimes boug that parcel? Yours, perhaps. Not l year? Well, then maybe next ye Your dollars and dimes may save life.

He Asked For It

A doctor was called in to see a rat ornery character.

"Well, sir, what's the matter?" asked doctor.

"That, sir," growled the patient, "is you to find out."

"I see," said the doctor thoughtfully. "W if you'll excuse me, I'll send for a friend mine—a veterinarian. He's the only cha know who can make a diagnosis without a ing questions."

om Your Headquarters

HOWARD L. LOGAN

)UR GREAT and continuing need in Church is for a larger number consecrated, capable pastors. When Board of American Missions rts a new mission a week they d 52 pastors a year. When we sider the number of pastors who ire plus those who go to their venly home, we realize the number seminary graduates needed each r. The Board of Education of our urch is using April 22 for special phasis on the ministry under the me, "The Saviour Calls Pastors." y we suggest that the Brotherods in congregations might help sponsoring a dinner for prospece pastors among the young men their churches. Ask your pastor some other pastor to present the nistry to them.

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May we quote the Brotherhood contution concerning delegates to its nventions:

Section IV—Delegates

"The delegates to the convention all consist of the officers of the otherhood, members of the Executive Committee; and one delegate for ch five hundred members or major action thereof in each active synlical Brotherhood. Each active synlical Brotherhood shall be entitled at least two delegates. Each active ngregational Brotherhood or men's ganization shall be entitled to one delegate for every one hundred or major fraction thereof of its membership. Each active congregational Brotherhood shall be entitled to at least one delegate."

ACTIVE Brotherhoods are those whose dues are paid in advance of convention date. The names of delegates with registrations should be forwarded to The Brotherhood, ULCA, 231 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

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Plans for the Kitchener convention were due to be presented to the meeting of The Brotherhood's Administrative Committee in New York in mid-February. The next issue of *Lutheran Men* should give considerably more information. Synodical Brotherhoods having conventions in the spring should give consideration to the election of their delegates.

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Many Brotherhoods have been using King's Men materials to assist in the evangelism program of their congregations. Here is a worth-while program which can mean much in the reclaiming of the lapsed member in your church. Materials include tracts, cards, folders and a sound filmstrip for promoting this program.

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The Brotherhood Headquarters offices have been without an executive secretary since January 1. Mr. Logan

assumes the office as of April 1. Some of the officers along with a full-time employee have been keeping things going at the office. If, however, some errors creep in, please forgive and write us about them. We have reference to orders for materials, subscriptions for *Lutheran Men*, etc. During this interim, Mr. Logan has been answering as much of the correspondence as possible from California.

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We want to know about the successful programs conducted in your Brotherhoods. Also the various retreats, conferences, etc., sponsored by the synodical and conference Brotherhoods. These can be used to assist other Brotherhoods and also help us to suggest programs for those who write for this kind of help. I would like to use more of the lo activities of Brotherhoods in *Luth an Men*. We cannot do this unl you send them to the editor or he quarters.

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Lutheran Evangelism Missions being held throughout the Chu now and will continue for the n two years. Brotherhood organi tions should lend a hand to these m sions when they are held in their spective congregations. Brotherho men should be in the forefront those who assist in these efforts. Th this is the United Lutheran Churc "finest hour." Here is the Kin work for the King's men. Give a ha where you can.

Brotherhood in Action

by CHARLES F. BROBST

A Lesson in Evangelism

The gray-haired preacher announced his text—that well known passage concerning the woman taken in adultery: "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

Then, with glowing enthusiasm and real Christian love, he proclaimed the Gospel. He asked the people to support the Church's endeavor to establish a shelter for unwed mothers. Further, he challenged his hearers to love the unwed mothers in their very midst.

Nothing much happened that Oh, a fair offering was received given to the shelter fund, but th all.

The real results came weeks la

A faithful member of the pa knocked, one evening, at the par age door. She had "something im tant on her mind."

A friend of hers had given b to a daughter, out of wedlock. the important question was: "Pa will you call on her?"

Of course, the pastor called on

ed mother. He invited her to the ices of the Church. And before , he baptized the young mother her daughter.

me weeks later, this new mother ared in Church with her brother his family. Finally, her brother his wife and their two children , also, baptized.

hat made six new Christians.

ime passed by, and still another her and his family attended the ice one Sunday morning. Yes, you ssed it, he, too, along with his and son, was baptized.

o, there were nine new Christians. he climax in this chain of events came when the mother of this family came into the Church.

Ten new Christians.

And think of it, one interested Christian in a parish was responsible for all of this. One interested Christian responsible for ten new Christians. The joy she must experience every Lord's day as she watches those ten Christians file into their pew—an entire pew right up front!

Note—*Thanks to the Rev. Richard Peterman, Tinicum, Pa., for sharing this story. Why not send a report of one of your experiences to the Rev. Charles F. Brobst, Telford, Pa., editor of this column?*

lucation for Living

EARL S. RUDISILL

Two Goals for Homes

here are two great goals for a e, so inclusive that they involve about everything. One is 1) to e family life definitely Christian, e the other is 2) to make it effi- t. The two belong together, and serves to strengthen the other. he first requirement in making a e Christian is that the two par- shall be Christian in faith and racter. Before they have children are the home, for house and ishings are incidentals. Together arrive at joint convictions and ommon outlook with reference to household. As children are born the family they are influenced by parental philosophies and they, in turn, influence the parents and one another. If all this thinking is Christian in character it makes a big difference in living and relationships to others.

The ways of thinking, feeling, and behaving of all family members generate an atmosphere which characterizes that home. A Christian climate is created and it affects everyone who enters or dwells in the home. Out of this atmosphere both youngsters and parents absorb much which influences their development. It is a give-and-take all the while, and all benefit from it. Select books, pictures, magazines, and other cultural agencies add to and tend to stabilize the

home at a practical Christian level. If conversation in the family is in line with Christian ideals it will prove a wholesome influence, but it can take a different turn, and do inestimable damage to the lives of the home members. It takes alert thinking and unceasing vigilance to develop and conserve a home that is Christian.

The efficiency of a family includes many factors, all of which benefit from the Christian character of a family, and all of which help to create conditions under which Christianity can exist and function to the full.

Democratic living and practices in a home are highly important. Despotic rule in families is outmoded because it is not Christian. Both Christianity and democracy are based on the superlative value and sanctity of human life. The two are by no means identical, but they have many elements in common. Both society and home life are one thing where these values are upheld and someth else where they are ignored or den The practicality of the family cou and the beauty of mutual court rest on the acknowledged value of and the love which is owed only persons.

Other important items of efficie include the intelligent use of mo in spending, giving, and saving. T take in also an informed use of di pline and guidance, understanding the successive stages of life's unfo ment, means of eliciting desired sponses and behavior, and use verified knowledge in promoting h mony and happiness in the fam circle. A dozen other factors may added, all of which play their part the efficient operation of a home

These two goals are of such va that every couple or family ought set them before them and, with help of God, work toward them long as life lasts.

Boy Scouts

by GEORGE A. EICHLER

Onward for God and My Country

"Onward for God and My Country" is the name of a four-year program presently being launched by the Boy Scouts of America.

This program is described, in the January issue of *Scouting*, by Arthur A. Schuck, chief scout executive, in these words:

"Today America faces a great need, far-reaching, urgent, demanding. The Boy Scouts of America eager to do its part to help meet t need. We know that no little eff on our part will do. It must nothing short of our best.

"So we launch the Onward God and My Country program, a in it emphasize those experiences t will help today's youth to be p pared as citizens of character.

'Such citizens must be prepared in ly—prepared in skill—prepared in rit—prepared in will—prepared as mbers of a team.

'Our theme denotes an 'onward' vement. Progress in the fulfill- nt of our destiny is not a static ndition. Instead, it is a forward- king, forward-marching citizen- p, directed to the fulfillment of d's wishes and the maintenance of r nation, strong and free."

In describing this program, a deputy regional executive, who happens to be a Lutheran, said the BSA would urge the local councils to promote interest in the church awards as a part of this program. This is something new. With local councils and churches working together there should be much more interest in the church awards — which is something we look forward to with anticipation.

Onward for God and My Country!

News

tention, High School Students! Lutheran Leadership Award

Outstanding high-school students no feel they can qualify for a Lueran Youth Leadership Award, onsored by The Lutheran Brotherood Life Insurance Society, Minnepolis, Minn., should obtain applicaon blanks at once.

The purpose of the award is to courage high-school graduates to ntinue their education in a Luther- college.

Scholarships, in the amount of 150 each, will be awarded to a Boy cout or Explorer of Lutheran faith ho has attained to First Class or igher rank, or equivalent Explorer ank, and who has been granted the *ro deo et Patria* award. Scholarips are also available to boys and irls of Lutheran faith who have nown leadership qualities and are embers of the 4-H Clubs and who ave met the advanced requirements for at least one agricultural or homemaking project. High scholastic records and evidence of leadership during high-school years are also taken into consideration in granting the awards.

Winners of awards must enroll in a Lutheran college of their own choice within a period of three years ending September 30, following the date of the issue of the award.

Application blanks can be obtained from The Luther League of America, 1228 Spruce St., Philadelphia 7, Pa., or The Brotherhood, 231 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y. The applications must be returned by April 1 to either The Luther League or The Brotherhood.

Do not send applications to Minneapolis.

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Michigan Convention

The Michigan synodical Brotherhood convention will be held at Trin-

ity Lutheran Church, Battle Creek, on April 22, at 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Armin G. Weng, president of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary will be the banquet speaker. The program is being arranged by the host Brotherhood of Trinity Church, and will be presided over by President T. V. Winter.

—T. V. Winter

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Pro Deo et Patria Award

Eagle Scout George M. Ehemann Jr. was given the *Pro Deo et Patria* award in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa., on January 15.

Ehemann is a member of church-sponsored Troop 11, which has produced 39 Eagle Scouts in 26 years.

All the scout leaders of the tr
are Eagles, and Scoutmaster He
W. Fischer has received the Si
Beaver award.

Since January 15, a second sc
has earned the *Pro Deo et Pa*
award, and a third is near the g
All of these young men belong to
Explorer Post consisting of 16 m
bers, 14 of whom have spent a
son at the Philmont Scout Camp
New Mexico.

There are over 150 Cubs, Boy
Girl Scouts, and Explorers in the
manuel program. It is one of
community service activities of
church, of which Dr. Ernest J. H
is pastor and the Rev. Raymond
Roden associate pastor.

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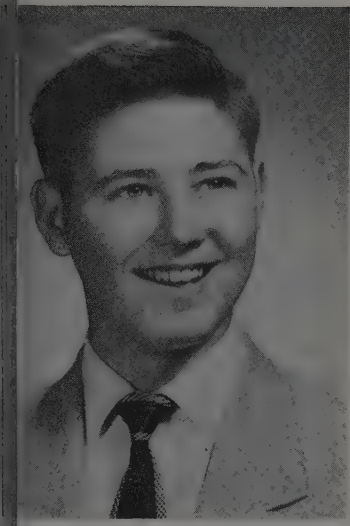
Eagle Scout George M. Ehemann Jr. Receives Pro Deo et Patria Award In Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pa.

Center, left to right: Pastor Ernest J. Hoh, George M. Ehemann Jr., Pastor Raymond Roden, parents of Scout Ehemann, Scoutmaster Henry W. Fischer.

Of the two Explorers, Harold Fries Jr. has also received the **Pro Deo et Patria** award, Roger Nissly is near the achievement of it.

The scout in the foreground is David Ehemann, following in his brother's footsteps. Cub is a grandson of the Scoutmaster.

Mr. Ehemann Sr. is chairman of the troop committee, members of which are also in the picture.

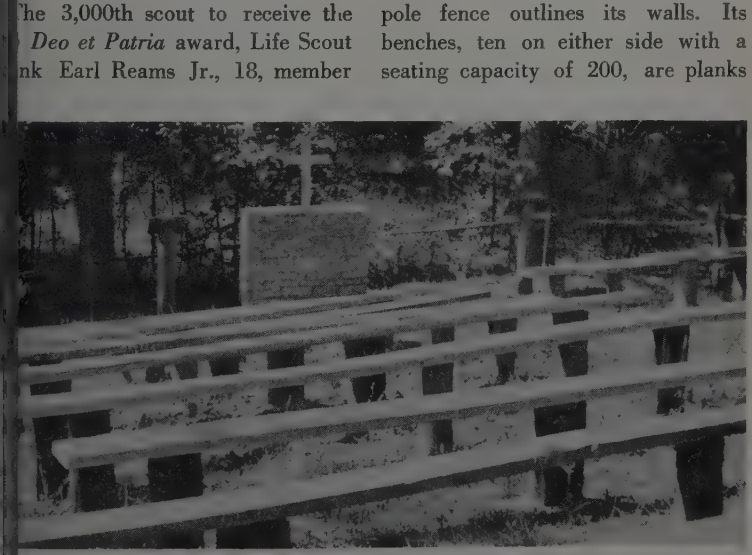


00th Pro Deo et Patria Award Goes to Life Scout Frank Reams, Jr.

The 3,000th scout to receive the *Deo et Patria* award, Life Scout nk Earl Reams Jr., 18, member of Maryville, Ohio, Troop 119, was presented with the citation and medal in his congregation, First English Lutheran Church, Marysville, by his pastor, the Rev. George W. Dittmar, on January 1.

The unique project that Scout Reams, with the help of Scout Jim Walker, 13, member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Marysville, completed as part of the requirements for receiving the highest award in scouting has won him high and well-merited praise—the designing and construction of "The Chapel of Peace," an open-air chapel at Boy Scout Camp Rad-o-Wood, near Marysville.

"The Chapel of Peace," dedicated with an impressive evening service on June 4 last year, is situated amid a beautiful wooded and lake scene. A pole fence outlines its walls. Its benches, ten on either side with a seating capacity of 200, are planks



"The Chapel of Peace"

resting on sawed-off telephone poles set in the ground. The pulpit and lectern are also made from telephone poles, with wood-slab book rests. The altar, made of cement blocks faced with rough sandstone, is topped by a cement cross. Candles set on poles furnish the light for evening services. The chapel is reached by crossing a rustic bridge over a stream that separated the chapel from the rest of the camp and is the outlet for the lake, a part of the chapel's background.

"The Chapel of Peace" is patterned after and was inspired by the outdoor chapel at Mowana, the Synod of Ohio's Youth Camp, near Mansfield, which Scout Reams attended as a camper and last year as a junior counsellor.

—George W. Dittmar

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Brotherhood Rally at Sunbury

Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, Pa., was the scene of a mid-winter rally of 300 Lutheran men on Sunday afternoon, January 22. Edward Shotzberger, president of the Central Pennsylvania Synod Brotherhood, was in charge of the meeting.

A challenging message was delivered by the Rev. J. E. Rudisill, D. D., pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, on the subject, "I Go A-Fishing."

The scripture lesson was read by Henry A. Foltz, chairman of the local rally committee. Greetings were presented by Dr. Ralph C. Robinson, secretary of the Central Pennsylvania Synod. Ernest Waehner, president of the Susquehanna Conference Brot hood, offered the opening pra and the closing prayer and bene tion was given by the Rev. Robert Koons, pastor of the host church.

A chorus of 20 men from the theran Churches in the Sunb area sang.

—Claude R. Greine

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Another King's Men Succe

The King's Men every-men visitation proved to be a succes Plains Lutheran Parish, Pla Georgia, according to the Rev. L ard Nicholas, pastor.

"I am happy to report that it resulted in an over-all increase i tendance at worship services of 2 per cent. It also reached a tota eight adults who are now recei instruction prior to reception church fellowship."

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Reinartz President of NL

Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, secre of the United Lutheran Churc America, was elected president the National Lutheran Council a 38th annual meeting in Minneap Minn. last month.

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Endress, Hoffmann Honor For Work on Luther Fil

New York—(NLC)—Interpr of the life of Martin Luther in p and on film shared the spotligh a dinner of the Lutheran So here. The occasion was the hono of two leading Lutheran church for their work in producing the ture motion picture "Martin Luth

Receiving distinguished service ci-
tions were Dr. Henry Endress,
ecutive director of the Lutheran
ymen's Movement and director of
wardship of the United Lutheran
urch in America, and Dr. Oswald
J. Hoffmann, director of public
ations of the Lutheran Church—
ssouri Synod.

Dr. Roland Bainton, author of the
pular Luther biography "Here I
nd" and professor at Yale Divin-
School, was the main speaker. Dr.
inton called the Luther film "a
reme artistic achievement, com-
ing the internal history of the soul
h the external history of a life."
Both Dr. Endress and Dr. Hoff-
nn served as representatives of
film's sponsoring agency, Lutheran Church Productions, Inc., during the location shooting in Germany. Dr. Endress was then executive secretary of LCP and is now chairman of the administrative committee. Dr. Hoffmann has been secretary of the corporation since it began work on "Martin Luther" in 1951.

The citations presented to Dr. Endress and Dr. Hoffmann cited them in recognition of their "outstanding role in the production of the Martin Luther film, a joint project of all Lutheran bodies, which has been phenomenally successful both in the number of showings and in the size and varied religious, racial and social backgrounds of those viewing it."

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Officers of Canadian Lutheran Council

Named to head the CLC for 1956 are, left to right, Dr. Karl Holfeld of Regina, president; A. G. Jacobi of Kitchener, vice-president; Dr. Earl J. Truesch of Winnipeg, executive ctor, and the Rev. Norman Berner of Kitchener, secretary.

Lutheran Layman Named to India Education Study Post

(NY) RUTHERFORD, N.J. Jan. 31—Dr. Guy L. Hilleboe (182 Belford Avenue) of Rutherford, former superintendent of public schools in Rutherford, will leave next week for New Delhi, India, to assume his new duties as deputy director of Inter-University Relations in the International Cooperation Administration for a two-year tour of duty as an educationalist.

Dr. Hilleboe, a member of the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church in Rutherford, will make his headquarters in New Delhi, in connection with his regional study, directed by the State Department in conjunction with the Mutual Security Program for Undeveloped Countries.

The International Cooperation Administration program is a technical cooperation system wherein qualified American personnel are sent to teach and train native leaders in advanced methods in various major essentials. Currently the program is in operation in Egypt, Iran and India.

Dr. Hilleboe's assignment is primarily in education at the college level, he said. As deputy director, his first duties will be to assist in developing plans for policy and procedure in the region. He will explain educational methods in the United States to native Indian educators.

Dr. Hilleboe has resided in Rutherford since 1938, when he became superintendent of schools.

ULCA's Dr. Fry in Group Named to Visit Russia

New York—(NLC)—Dr. Frankl Clark Fry, president of the Unit Lutheran Church in America, will a member of the first broadly repr sentative American Protestant de gation to visit Russia since t Bolshevik revolution.

The delegation of nine chur leaders, selected by the Natio Council of Churches and headed its president, Dr. Eugene Cars Blake, will leave for Moscow March 9, and spend ten days in t Soviet Union. In June a Russi church delegation is expected in t United States as guests of the N tional Council.

Dr. Blake announced here that t American Protestant delegation w engage in no political consultati but will seek to re-open ecclesiasti channels to the Russian Orthod Church which have been non-exist since 1919.

Although the visit will be limi to Moscow, Dr. Blake said there w hope to meet representatives not o of the Russian Orthodox Patriarch but also of other churches within Soviet orbit, including the Luthe churches of the Baltic States.

Exchanges of views concern church life, possible inter-church programs, and discussions of churches' efforts to further wo peace are expected at the meeting Moscow, Dr. Blake added.

This will be Dr. Fry's third t abroad in the space of a few mont

He was in Australia to preside a meeting of the executive committee of the World Council of urches, Feb. 6-11, after participat- in sessions of the executive committee of the Lutheran World Federa- n at Madras, India, and the first -Asia Lutheran Conference there. left Jan. 8 and returned Feb. 19. From Nov. 6 to Dec. 2, he visited rica to participate in the first All- r i c a Lutheran Conference at rangu, Tanganyika.

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"Ambassador In Bonds"

'Ambassador In Bonds," motion ture story of Missionary Bartholo- w Ziegenbalg's work in India, is ought to you in the 250th anniver- y year of the gift of the Gospel to lia on Tranquebar's Choromandel ast. (See Front Cover).

After a long journey by sea, be- n by command of King Frederick of Denmark on a late November in 1705, Bartholomew Ziegen- g and Henry Plutschau met an in- ferent citizenry and a hostile ernor when they arrived in India June of the following year.

Because of these two men, a church k root in Indian soil. Because of t blessed rootage, Ziegenbalg was ed and imprisoned—an "Ambas- or In Bonds."

n his dreary cell, the missionary yed, "O God, somehow preserve l bless thy Church in this land." The story of Missionary Ziegen- g, first pastor of India's millions, heart-stirring story of a man and dream. The man would not quit though the road ahead was long and dark. His dream became real as his faith told him it would.

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See "Ambassador In Bonds," a 16 mm., sound, black and white, 35-minute film.

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Lutherans to Join NBC In Religious TV Series

New York—(NLC)—Four Lutheran church bodies and the National Broadcasting Company disclosed plans here for the first cooperative religious television series to be offered in color.

In this new approach to religious telecasting, the Lutherans will present jointly with NBC a series of six live hour-long dramas over nearly 170 stations as part of the network's "Matinee Theatre."

The first program of the series will be telecast from Hollywood at 3 p.m. (Est) on Monday, April 2. The other five will be presented on the first Mondays of May, June, September,

October and November, under a program schedule announced by Albert McCleery, producer of the show.

Participating in the series will be the United Lutheran Church in America, Evangelical Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church and Augustana Lutheran Church, acting cooperatively through Lutheran Television Associates.

They will underwrite costs of the six scripts, expenses of a script editor and funds for up-casting and promotion, and will cooperate with "Matinee Theatre" editors in script selection, according to the Rev. O. H. Hove of Minneapolis, secretary of ELC, who is chairman of Lutheran Television Associates.

Mr. Hove expressed the belief that through the drama series "millions of Americans will be reached with television programming that is not only believable and absorbing, but in sharp Christian focus."

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Dr. Manikam Consecrated Bishop During Indian Church Anniversary

Tranquebar, South India—(NLC)—The consecration of Dr. Rajah B. Manikam as Bishop of Tranquebar was the highlight of a colorful four-day anniversary celebration here, January 12-15, commemorating the establishment of the first Protestant mission in India 250 years ago.

The festivities centered around the Old Danish Fort and the New Jerusalem (Lutheran) Church built by Bartholomeus Ziegenbalg (Front Cover), Danish missionary who started the Tranquebar mission in 17 on the initiative of King Frederi IV of Denmark.

New Jerusalem church is co sidered the oldest Protestant edif in all of Asia. The Tamil Luther Church, of which Dr. Manikam became bishop, is an outgrowth of t mission started by Ziegenbalg.

The significance of Dr. Manikam consecration at the anniversary ce bration was enhanced by the fact th the new bishop, generally consider the best-known contemporary Ind Protestant leader, is the first Ind to become head of the Tamil Chur although several other Indian L theran churches have had Ind leaders for some time.

Dr. Manikam was the Joint Sec tary in East Asia of the World Co cil of Churches and the Internatio Missionary Council from 1951 u he resigned from that post last ye Since 1954 he has also been pr dent of the Federation of Evangeli Lutheran Churches in India.

Attending his consecration w Lutheran leaders from around world, gathered here not only the anniversary celebration but a for the executive committee meet of the Lutheran World Federati January 16-19; and the Asia Luth an Conference, January 20-21.

Among the American church le ers present here were Dr. Frank Clark Fry, president of the Uni Lutheran Church in America a first vice president of the LWF; Henry F. Schuh, president of

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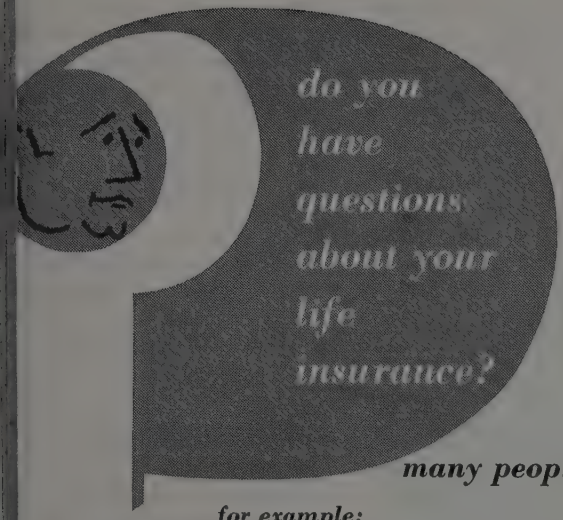

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Count Me a Partner — In Making God Known

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ALL MEN have a deep desire know God. Augustine was speak for men of all ages and temperam when he wrote: "Our hearts are r less, O Lord, until they find t rest in Thee."

A popular American magazine covered in a poll that 93 per cen the people of our land expressed lief in some sort of deity. It is lightening, however, to discover w k'nd of concepts of God people h For many God is an Absentee La lord, an Impersonal Cosmic, Unknowable God, a kindly old Gra father, or a sort of Santa Claus w fulfills all desires.

We Christians know that all th concepts of God are false and satisfying. There is no possibility partnership with deities of this str

Topic Aims

1. To help the members of the Brother appreciate that we know God best thro Jesus Christ.

2. To focus attention upon some of things which Christ taught us about Go

3. To appreciate that Christ's revelation God was given most pointedly through his and example.

4. To see clearly that the understan and appreciation which our fellow men h of God comes in part through the lives w we live.

5. To lead members of the Brotherhood determine exactly what they will do to make God known to others.

Our God is Focused

d is made known to us through
of Nazareth. He was brought
focus in the life of this Man.
tians of the First Century never
d about God apart from their
Jesus. The First Letter of John
pical when it declares: "That
h was from the beginning, which
ave heard, which we have seen
our eyes, which we have looked
and touched with hands . . . . .
proclaim also to you" (*I John*
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e do not have to scan the stars,
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sophy to know God. We know
in Christ Jesus. A Jewish rabbi
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ge over us. When we use the
God, our listeners have a vague
of righteousness and power that
the universe. When you employ
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revelation of God. Yet he never

Worship
"O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea"
385 C.S.B., or No. 283 P.S.H.
re: I John 1:1—2:6

Music
"Take My Life and Let It Be"
382 C.S.B., or No. 278 P.S.H.

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"
379 C.S.B., or No. 293 P.S.H.

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ship and Refreshments

sat down with men and said, "Now let me tell you what God is like." He taught about God by indirection. He never laid down broad principles about the nature or purposes of God. He set his explanations of God in terms of life situations. It was always man's understanding of God in terms of his own inner life, or in his relations to other men, that Jesus stressed. His compelling concern was not merely that men should understand with their heads but that they should love and obey with their total personality. It is interesting to read *Matthew 13* and *Luke 15* in this light.

Jesus himself lived the life of God. He was the Messiah. The people who saw him and lived with him saw God himself. By his indirect teachings, and especially by his life and example he made God known to men.

The approach of Jesus was always the same: Believe and obey and you shall know God. Men are to live the life our Lord set before them. He said "If ye abide in me, ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." This obedience is not to be directed toward religious rite or observances, but toward the good of our fellow men. Recall the words of Jesus about the man who brought his gift to the altar and there remembered a strained relationship: "Leave thy gift at the altar, and first go to be reconciled with thy brother."

A God Who Loves

John, the disciple who probably learned to know Jesus best, and from him learned to know the Father in

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heaven, wrote: "God so loved the world that he gave . ." (*John 3:16*). John described God as a God of love. This love of God expresses itself in many ways. We learn from the teachings and example of Jesus that:

God is approachable. Jesus was a man of prayer. He taught his disciples to pray. He faced his own difficult situations with prayer, and insisted that his disciples were often ineffective because of their weak prayer life. (Note *Mark 9:17-29.*) He denounced, however, those practices of prayer that would attempt to coerce God. He underscored that prayer's effectiveness depended on sincerity and trust. (Note *Matthew 6:1-8*).

God is concerned. Do we really count in the eyes of God? This question is asked by all types of people. A Yale professor wrote that his problem was not one of "believing in God, but believing that God is as good as Jesus Christ." This good Jesus said that God is like him, and the person who has seen him has seen God. Jesus taught that God is concerned. He said it in the words of the the farmer, and the mystic. said, "Look at the birds of th . . . Your heavenly Father feeds Are you not of more value they?" (*Matthew 6:26*). Jesus tinued, "Consider the lilies o field . . . If God so clothes the of the field . . . will he not much clothe you?" (*Matthew 6:28,2*

The same theme runs throug the words of our Master. God is Father, and you ought to take place as his child. He is conce about you. He will not fail (Read *Matthew 6:25-34*).

God is just. God's concern fo is not the "spoiling kind." He mands accountability. He puni sin wherever he finds it, in na as well as individuals. We are not to do as we please. The words o popular song, "I want what I when I want it," bring God's j ment on those who live by philosophy. Jesus said very cle that judgment will be pronounce every life. In the Parable of Wheat and Tares (*Matthew 13*) again in his description of the judgment (*Matthew 25*) Jesus st ed man's accountability to God.

God is seeking. The uniquenes Jesus' concept of God comes at point. The God of the univers seeking you! Jesus makes this viv alive in his Parables of the (*Luke 15*), the stories of the Coin, the Lost Sheep, and the Boy. In each beautifully narrate count Jesus draws in bold stroke manner in which men lose their

life. The important element, however, is found in the "Seeking One," the "lost ones." God is like the shepherd seeking his sheep, the woman turning the house upside down to find the coin, the father hinging down the road to welcome the errant boy. Early in the church's story Jesus was depicted as the Seeking Shepherd. Men caught an accent in the voice of Jesus that they knew was the accent of God. Suddenly dawned on these startled men of the first century that God was seeking them in this man, Jesus of Nazareth.

The Life of God in Jesus Christ

Although the words of Jesus are convincing, his life is the supreme revelation of God. The candid manner which the New Testament writers record their reluctance or inability to grasp the true nature of Jesus adds support to the authenticity of the narrative. It is a fruitful study to trace throughout the New Testament the fumbling attempts of Jesus' followers to grasp what Paul later clearly understood, namely "that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself."

Jesus frequently directed the eyes of the disciples toward himself as they sought God. How else would you interpret statements like "I and the Father are one;" "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father;" "No man cometh unto the Father but by me"? Yet it was the spirit and attitude of our Lord in his dealings with men and their problems which were most striking. His kindly treatment of the outcast and the despised, his concern for the diseased and the broken, and his forgiveness of those who had stumbled into sin, drew the men of his day. In all of his dealings with men, Jesus presented an attentive ear, a sympathetic heart, a willing and helpful spirit.

However, there was nothing soft or effeminate about our Lord. His tongue lashed out like a whip against the sins of hypocrisy, selfishness, and vanity. He never offered religion as an "escape" from the pains and disciplines of life. He never counseled peace of mind apart from peace with God. His offer of discipleship was a rigorous and demanding one—"He who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is not fit for the kingdom of God."

Jesus was more than a great teacher and a great man. When in his presence, men felt they were in the presence of God. They sensed a cleansing and enabling power which unveiled the potential of their own existence. They knew that with him they were in partnership with God. The resources of the Almighty were at their command!

Our Life and God

As Christians of the Twentieth Century we also can experience God in Christ. Through prayerful reading of our New Testament, moments of sensitive meditation, reverent reception of the Holy Sacrament we can know Christ as his early followers knew him. And in knowing him, we know God, the only true God.

But God must be more than "mystically felt" or intellectually accepted.

He must be lived in our everyday lives. He must be obeyed and trusted. We must live by his insights and spirit.

Men are convinced by lives much more than by words. One of the leaders of our government said, "The best way to export an idea is to wrap it up in a human personality." The same is true of "exporting" our concept of God.

To know God in Christ is to become a partner with Christ in the redemption of the world. We must wrap him up in our lives, not only around our tongues. To know God in Christ must effect our value judgments, our business ethics, our home atmosphere, our treatment of minorities, our attitude toward the lost, the confused, the seeking, and the hurt. The best way to make God known to men is by living the Christ life.

For Study and Discussion

1. Have someone read J. B. Phillips' exciting little book, *How Big Is Your God?* Discuss the various false concepts of God which Phillips presents.

2. The Quaker, Elton Trueblood, said that Communism's success is due to its "three p's"—Purpose, Program, Passion. Measured by this standard, how do members of the Brotherhood measure up in their attempt to make God in Christ known to men?

3. Is there an observable difference between the Christian man and the non-Christian man in the business world and the life of the community? How can the differences be made even more pronounced in order witness unto God?

4. What approach would you to a man who indicated in your ence that he desired to know about God and the Christian fa

5. How does the church help members to make God known?

Suggestions for Action

1. If your church does not ha reference library, take steps, your pastor's help, to establish Suggestions of books for suc library may be obtained from Board of Parish Education, Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa

2. Encourage the writing, read and distribution of intelligently ten Christian tracts. Avoid overl ing your tract diet with the pu emotional or subjective. Ask pastor for suggestions.

3. Encourage the men of Brotherhood to read their New tament as regularly as they read daily paper. Display copies of New Testament at a regular meet with special emphasis on mo translations.

4. Take a "spiritual inventory your Brotherhood. Ask quest such as these:

a. Is there enough Chris emphasis in our program and jects to mark us off from the u service club in the community?

b. In what ways can we a organization help our member do a better job of witnessing their daily lives for God in Chr

5. Plan as an organization to m Christ known among men by carr

ne of the following projects:

a. Start a branch Sunday school some section too far removed m your church for children to end.

b. Place carefully planned advertisements of your church services in newspapers.

c. Regularly send to the editor your newspaper publicity matters pertaining to your national urch.

d. Undertake in full or in part e support of a home mission congregation.

e. Undertake in full or in part e support of a foreign missionary.

f. Invite foreign students, particularly from non-Christian lands, to your home as guests and let em participate in your Christian me life.

A Talent Inventory
ignment for the May (Fifth) Meeting

at are the tasks that need to be done e church? Which of the tasks are you ied to accept?

often happens that men who would be tly willing to render service to God and urch are rendering no real service be- they are unaware of needs which they fill. Next month, when the Brotherhood will be, "Count Me a Partner—In Work- ith God," we will make use of a "talent tory." This is how to prepare the tory:

point a committee to list all the jobs need to be done in the church—super- dent of the Sunday school, teachers for urch school, church councilmen, singers e choir, officers in the various organiza- counselors in youth work, visitors for elistic efforts, treasurers and secretaries, tionists, supervisors of property, repair- etc. There are literally hundreds of jobs need to be done in the local congregation. dition there are jobs that need doing in ork of the church at large. Make the list mplete as possible.

er the list has been completed, list all the jobs alphabetically in a column, and in a second column leave room for check marks under the heading: "I would be willing to serve." Have the lists multiplied in sufficient number to distribute at the next Brotherhood meeting. At the bottom of the list leave room for signatures.

A second committee might be appointed to secure and project one of the following films at the Brotherhood meeting:

a. **And Now I See,**
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b. **Like a Mighty Army,**
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c. **Salt of the Earth,**
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d. **All That I Have,**
16 mm., 65 minutes, rental $17.50.

e. **Dedicated Men,**
16 mm., 30 minutes, rental $9.00.

f. **For Good or Evil,**
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Also present were Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the National Lutheran Council and Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, executive secretary of the Lutheran World Federatio

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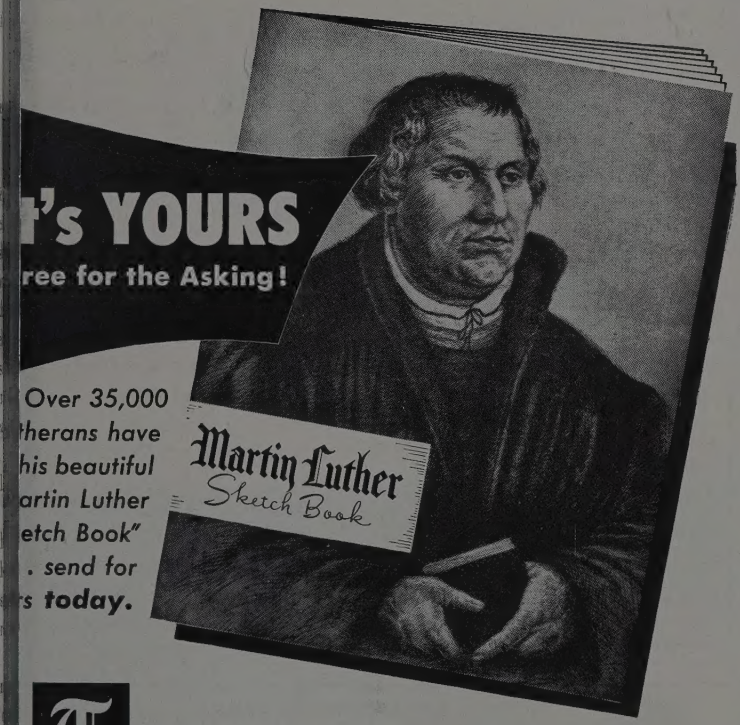
Hundreds Enlisted to Prep For LWF Assembly In Minneapolis

More than 130 persons have named to 17 local committees, hundreds more will soon be ask serve on sub-committees, to pre for the first international gath of Lutherans ever to be held American soil—the Third Asse of the Lutheran World Federa scheduled to convene in Minnea August 15-25, 1957.

Dr. E. Clifford Nelson of L Theological Seminary in St. who is serving as director of th sembly, reported that the Luthe of the Twin Cities area "are resp ing eagerly to the challenge" pre ed by the conference, and already manifesting a keen sens responsibility over against the d implicit in the decision to mee Minneapolis in 1957."

"Many of them," he added, already praying for the blessin God upon common efforts to claim the Christ who 'frees unites.'"

While it is expected that attend at most sessions of the Assembly be limited to the 275 delegates about an equal number of off visitors, plus a few hundred sp tors, plans are being made to ha up to 50,000 visitors from the U States and a score of foreign c tries at various public events that be held during the 11-day Assem



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